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1019.202-70 The Treasury Mentor-Protégé Program.

1019.202-70-3 Non-affiliation.

For purposes of the Small Business Act, a protégé firm may not be considered an affiliate of a mentor firm solely on the basis that the protégé firm is receiving developmental assistance referred to in DTAR 1019.202-70-13 from such mentor firm under the Program.

1019.202-70-4 General policy.

(a) Eligible prime contractors, not included on the “List of Parties Excluded from Federal Procurement and Nonprocurement Programs”, that are approved as mentors will enter into agreements with eligible protégés. Mentors provide appropriate developmental assistance to enhance the capabilities of protégés to perform as contractors or subcontractors.

(b) A firm’s status as a protégé under a Treasury contract must not have an effect on the firm’s eligibility to seek other contracts or subcontracts.

1019.202-70-5 Incentives for prime contractor participation.

(a) Under the Small Business Act, 15 U.S.C. 637(d)(4)(E), Treasury is authorized to provide appropriate incentives to encourage subcontracting opportunities consistent with the efficient and economical performance of the contract. Proposed mentor-protégé efforts will be considered during the evaluation of such negotiated, competitive offers. Contracting officers must provide, as an incentive, a bonus score, not to exceed 5% of the relative importance assigned to the technical/management factors.

(b) A mentor’s performance will be evaluated against the criteria described in DTAR 1052.219-75.

(c) Before awarding a contract that requires a subcontracting plan, the existence of a mentor-protégé arrangement, and performance (if any) under an existing arrangement, must be considered by the contracting officer in:

(1) Evaluating the quality of a proposed subcontracting plan under FAR 19.705-4; and

(2) Evaluating the contractor compliance with the subcontracting plans submitted in previous contracts as a factor in determining contractor responsibility under FAR 19.705-5(a)(1).

(d) Mentor-protégé arrangements may provide the government with greater assurance that a protégé subcontractor will be able to perform under the contract.